

7 April 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report - Austria Bureau - March 1986

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. March saw the beginning of what promises to be a very busy spring and summer at AU with the holding of the first of six East European communist party congresses -- the CPCZ Congress, which met from the 24th to the 28th. Other scheduled party congresses are: Bulgarian and GDR in April; Polish and Yugoslav in June; and Albanian in November.

2. Austria switched to daylight savings time on 30 March, as did most of West and East Europe. Local time is now GMT plus 2 hours, with the bureau's GMT operating hours now being one hour earlier.

3. TANJUG: Following a visit to APA by bureau personnel in February to discuss the status of TANJUG Serbo-Croatian service, a noticeable improvement in TANJUG reliability and comprehensiveness was observed in March. While there are still instances of missing items and individual takes of multitake items, there has been a rather sharp decrease in the number of missing items and in the number of requests for reruns of missing material. Hopefully, APA's protests to TANJUG Belgrade will eventually lead to a full restoration of TANJUG's normal file.

4. ANSA English: A complete revamp of ANSA transmission schedules and the addition of four new broadcast frequencies has led to a noticeable improvement in average reception of ANSA English at the bureau, from poor to very poor to good overall. With the new scheduling, however, there is no longer a late evening ANSA cast, making this press agency even less of a source for good coverage of fast breaking developments in Italy.

5. Due to monitorial leave, AU coverage of Moscow International Service broadcasts in Macedonian and Slovene was dropped for the period 22 March - 5 April. AU has been covering Moscow's broadcasts in these two languages on a "temporary" basis until such time as the BBC is able to find replacements for departed monitors with these languages, the Macedonian since February 1981 and the Slovene since May 1984.

6. At the request of C/OPS, AU and PMU worked out plans for AU assistance to PMU in covering Soviet and Polish press material during the installation of PMU's new computer system in mid-April. PMU, however, does not anticipate that it will be required to transfer any of its coverage or processing commitments to AU during this period.

B. Communications

1. Progress has been made in obtaining a new communications circuit for the bureau. At last word, an order for a leased line between the bureau and the Croughton Automatic Switching Center, which will become the new primary communications path, had been placed, and modems for a new backstop communications path, again to Croughton, had been ordered. A target date of 14 May for the leased line has been set. The modems are to arrive in mid to late April.

2. Hit by an unexpected and lengthy absence of one communications operator, London Bureau responded to a plea for help by agreeing to punch AU copy mailed to it. Some 44 items, amounting to 104 takes, were mailed to LD in March, enabling the bureau to provide consumers with processed materials much quicker than would have been the case otherwise. The absent communicator is expected to return to duty in mid-April, and a candidate for the newly added seventh communications slot is now in processing. He is expected to begin work toward the end of April.

3. Because of severe problems with the primary State communications circuit, the bureau began using its VCVC link with London Bureau as its primary outgoing commo path on 13 March, with the result that consumers are receiving much cleaner copy than previously. The State circuit is still being used as the bureau's primary incoming circuit. The switch in outgoing paths has resulted in a net gain in punching time as communicators now spend considerably less time responding to refile requests brought about by copy garbling and mutilation.

4. Circuit statistics: For the period 1-12 March, that is, before the switch to the VCVC circuit, total refiles amounted to 125. For 13-31 March, refiles fell to 28, all being commo-related messages such as channel checks and circuit opener/closure services. The State circuit was down a total of 23 hours, 17 minutes, slightly down from February's 24 hours, 21 minutes.

C. Lateral Services

1. Responding to consumer requests for video coverage of the CPCZ Congress, the bureau dispatched to MOD via the DHL air courier service some 14.5 hours of Prague Television coverage of the congress. To keep the number of tapes sent and costs within reasonable limits, the bureau

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recorded only 1 hour of the TV coverage of the congress on U-matic tape; the remainder was recorded on VHS tapes, with the result that only six tapes were sent to MOD. A similar request has been received for video coverage of the Bulgarian party congress, which the bureau will fulfill using third country TV sources (Prague, Budapest, and Vienna).

2. The bureau responded to a request from [] by adding it as a consumer on all CPCZ Congress material processed and filed by the bureau. A similar request has been received for AU's coverage of the Bulgarian party congress, slated for 2-5 April.

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3. Further kudos were received from the BBC in March, this being SWB Part II's addition of its appreciation for AU's overall efforts to those expressed by a "major official consumer" on a visit to Caversham who "expressed particular appreciation for East European documentation from press sources appearing in SWB".

4. The Headquarters Communications Center responded to a request relayed to it by AU from the American Embassy in Berlin for a copy of a 4-take Moscow PRAVDA article written by GDR party secretary Hermann Axen on the issue of peace. WA was able to refile the item to Berlin from its storage facilities.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Former Okinawa Bureau Russian Monitor [] and wife arrived in Vienna 7 March on a lateral transfer to AU.

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2. EOD processing has begun for AU Communications Unit candidate [] Anticipated EOD date is late April.

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Chief, Austrian Bureau

cc: Chief, FBIS London Bureau

Attachments:

Production Report
Staff Personnel Report
Non-Staff Personnel Report

Austrian Bureau Production Report for March 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	707320
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	23930
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1088

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	6670.00 min.	16005.00 min.	306.34 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

ALBANIA			
TIRANA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ALBANIAN	1110		
TIRANA ATA IN ENGLISH		11740	
TIRANA BASHKIMI IN ALBANIAN			0
TIRANA DRITA IN ALBANIAN			0
TIRANA PUNA IN ALBANIAN			0
TIRANA RRUGA E PARTISE IN ALBANIAN			0
TIRANA ZERI I POPULLIT IN ALBANIAN			7610
TIRANA ZERI I RINISE IN ALBANIAN			1510

AUSTRIA			
VIENNA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN GERMAN	5500		
VIENNA ORF TELETEXT IN GERMAN	1840		
VIENNA TELEVISION SERVICE IN GERMAN	3300		
VIENNA ARBEITER ZEITUNG IN GERMAN			370
VIENNA DIE PRESSE IN GERMAN			5220
VIENNA KURIER IN GERMAN			1270
VIENNA NEUE KRONEN ZEITUNG IN GERMAN			1540

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
VIENNA PROFIL IN GERMAN			0
VIENNA VOLKSSTIMME IN GERMAN			2940
VIENNA WIENER ZEITUNG IN GERMAN			7750
 BULGARIA			
SOFIA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN BULGARIAN	8550		
SOFIA BTA IN ENGLISH		45600	
SOFIA ANTENI IN BULGARIAN			1210
SOFIA NARODNA ARMIYA IN BULGARIAN			3960
SOFIA NARODNA MLADZHZH IN BULGARIAN			2560
SOFIA NOVO VREME IN BULGARIAN			0
SOFIA OTECHESTVEN FRONT IN BULGARIAN			1980
SOFIA POGLED IN BULGARIAN			1200
SOFIA RABOTNICHESKO DELO IN BULGARIAN			106360
SOFIA TRUD IN BULGARIAN			4600
SOFIA ZEMEDEL'SKO ZNAME IN BULGARIAN			330
 CHINA			
BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ALBANIAN	0		
BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN SERBO-CROATIAN	0		
 CZECHOSLOVAKIA			
PRAGUE TELEVISION SERVICE IN CZECH AND SLOVAK	6000		
PRAGUE LIDOVA DEMOKRACIE IN CZECH			0
PRAGUE MLADA FRONTA IN CZECH			840
PRAGUE NOVA MYSL IN CZECH			1400
PRAGUE PRACE IN CZECH			2050

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PRAGUE RUDE PRAVO IN CZECH			27530
PRAGUE TRIBUNA IN CZECH			1950
PRAGUE VECERNI PRAHA IN CZECH			450
PRAGUE ZEMEDEL'SKE NOVINY IN CZECH			0
BRATISLAVA PRAVDA IN SLOVAK			16100
BRATISLAVA ROLNICKE NOVINY IN SLOVAK			750
BRATISLAVA SMENA IN SLOVAK			150
BRATISLAVA VECERNIK IN SLOVAK			270
FRANCE PARIS AFP IN ENGLISH		64510	
GDR EAST BERLIN BERLINER ZEITUNG IN GERMAN			2260
EAST BERLIN DER MORGEN IN GERMAN			0
EAST BERLIN EINHEIT IN GERMAN			1190
EAST BERLIN HORIZONT IN GERMAN			0
EAST BERLIN NATIONAL ZEITUNG IN GERMAN			0
EAST BERLIN NEUE ZEIT IN GERMAN			0
EAST BERLIN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND IN GERMAN			35470
HUNGARY BUDAPEST TELEVISION SERVICE IN HUNGARIAN	0		
BUDAPEST MAGYAR HIRLAP IN HUNGARIAN			6150
BUDAPEST MAGYAR NEMZET IN HUNGARIAN			0
BUDAPEST MAGYARORSZAG IN HUNGARIAN			0
BUDAPEST NEPSZABADSAG IN HUNGARIAN			19150

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
BUDAPEST NEPSZAVA IN HUNGARIAN			49660
BUDAPEST PARTELET IN HUNGARIAN			0
BUDAPEST TARSADALMI SZEMLE IN HUNGARIAN			400
ITALY			
ROME ANSA IN ENGLISH		9150	
POLAND			
WARSAW KULTURA IN POLISH			0
WARSAW NOWE DROGI IN POLISH			0
WARSAW POLITYKA IN POLISH			6010
WARSAW RZECZPOSPOLITA IN POLISH			8670
WARSAW RZECZYWISTOC IN POLISH			340
WARSAW SLOWO Powszechne IN POLISH			480
WARSAW SZTANDAR MLODYCH IN POLISH			1350
WARSAW TRYBUNA LUDU IN POLISH			37250
WARSAW ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI IN POLISH			6250
WARSAW ZYCIE PARTII IN POLISH			4250
WARSAW ZYCIE WARSZAWY IN POLISH			1700
ROMANIA			
BUCHAREST DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ROMANIAN	3950		
BUCHAREST AGERPRES IN ENGLISH		20550	
BUCHAREST AGERPRES IN FRENCH		0	
BUCHAREST ERA SOCIALISTA IN ROMANIAN			0
BUCHAREST LUMEA IN ROMANIAN			2000
BUCHAREST ROMANIA LIBERA IN ROMANIAN			960

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
BUCHAREST SCINTEIA IN ROMANIAN			11680
USSR			
MOSCOW IN			
ALBANIAN TO ALBANIA	0		
MOSCOW IN			
BULGARIAN TO BULGARIA	0		
MOSCOW IN			
MACEDONIAN TO YUGOSLAVIA	0		
MOSCOW IN			
ROMANIAN TO ROMANIA	0		
MOSCOW IN			
SLOVENE TO YUGOSLAVIA	0		
MOSCOW ISTORIYA SSSR IN			
RUSSIAN			0
MOSCOW KOMMUNIST IN			
RUSSIAN			35890
MOSCOW KOMMUNIST VOORUZHENNYKH SIL IN			
RUSSIAN			3800
MOSCOW MEZHDUNARODNAYA ZHIZN IN			
RUSSIAN			1130
MOSCOW MIROVAYA EKONOMIKA I			
MEZHDUNARODNYYE OTNOSHENIYA IN			
RUSSIAN			0
MOSCOW MOSKOVSKAYA PRAVDA IN			
RUSSIAN			0
MOSCOW OBNCHESTVENNYYE NAUKI IN			
RUSSIAN			0
MOSCOW PARTIYNAYA ZHIZN IN			
RUSSIAN			0
MOSCOW PLANOVOYE KHOZYAYSTVO IN			
RUSSIAN			0
MOSCOW POLITICHESKOYE			
SAMDOBRAZOVANIYE IN			
RUSSIAN			0
MOSCOW PROBLEMY DALNEGO VOSTOKA IN			
RUSSIAN			0
MOSCOW PROBLEMY MIRA I SOTSIALIZMA IN			
RUSSIAN			2710
MOSCOW RABOCHIY KLAS I SOVREMENNY			
MIR IN			
RUSSIAN			0
MOSCOW SOTSIOLOGICHESKIYE			
ISSLEDOVANIYA IN			
RUSSIAN			0
MOSCOW SSHA: EKONOMIKA, POLITIKA,			
IDEOLOGIYA IN			
RUSSIAN			6440

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MOSCOW VOPROSY EKONOMIKI IN RUSSIAN			0
MOSCOW VOPROSY FILOSOFII IN RUSSIAN			8350
MOSCOW VOPROSY ISTORII IN RUSSIAN			0
MOSCOW VOPROSY ISTORII KPSS IN RUSSIAN			13320
MOSCOW VOYENNO-ISTORICHESKIY ZHURNAL IN RUSSIAN			0
MOSCOW ZHURNALIST IN RUSSIAN			0
KIEV PRAVDA UKRAINY IN RUSSIAN			6350
KIEV RADYANSKA UKRAINA IN UKRAINIAN			1170
YUGOSLAVIA			
BELGRADE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SERBO-CROATIAN	8600		0
PRISTINA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ALBANIAN	810		0
PRISTINA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SERBO-CROATIAN	0		0
BELGRADE TELEVISION SERVICE IN SERBO-CROATIAN	0		0
BELGRADE TANJUG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SERBO-CROATIAN			0
BELGRADE TANJUG IN ENGLISH			0
BELGRADE BORBA IN SERBO-CROATIAN			19690
BELGRADE KOMUNIST IN SERBO-CROATIAN			0
BELGRADE NARODNA ARMIJA IN SERBO-CROATIAN			12000
BELGRADE NIN IN SERBO-CROATIAN			1070
BELGRADE POLITIKA IN SERBO-CROATIAN			6490
BELGRADE SOCIALIZAM IN SERBO-CROATIAN			0
LJUBLJANA DELO IN SLOVENE			0
NOVI SAD DNEVNIK IN SERBO-CROATIAN			0
PRISTINA RILINDJA IN ALBANIAN			0

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SARAJEVO OSLOBODJENJE IN
SERBO-CROATIAN
SKOPJE NOVA MAKEDONIJA IN
MACEDONIAN
TITOGRAD POBJEDA IN
SERBO-CROATIAN
ZAGREB DANAS IN
SERBO-CROATIAN
ZAGREB VJESNIK IN
SERBO-CROATIAN

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